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SUBJECT: DR. KISSINGER' S APRIL 23 SPEECH

1. SINCE DR LUNS WAS IN NETHERLANDS ON EASTER AND EASTER MONDAY (APRIL 22-23), USNATO INSURED THAT HE KNEW IN ADVANCE THAT DR. KISSINGER WOULD MAKE THIS STATEMENT IN BEHALF OF PRESIDENT AND THAT LUNS WOULD BE EXPLICITLY MENTIONED BY TITLE.

2. IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER NATO PRESS SPOKESMAN (DE VRIES) WAS AUTHORIZED BY SYG TO ADVISE CORRESPONDENTS THAT CONCEPTS PUT FORWARD BY DR KISSINGER HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH LUNS AT VERY SENIOR LEVEL DURING LATTER' S RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON. IDEAS THEMSELVES ARE INTERESTING, STIMULATING AND CONSTRUCTIVE BUT SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT BY NATO MUST AWAIT STUDY AND ANALYSIS IN NATIONAL CAPITALS. IF ASKED WHEN NAC WILL ADDRESS THESE ISSUES, NATO PRESS SPOKESMAN IS STATING ON PERSONAL BASIS THAT HE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF DISCUSSIONS BEGAN RATHER EARLY FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION IN CAPITALS.

3. PRIVATELY LUNS TOLD CHARGE' ON APRIL 24 THAT HE WAS DELIGHTED BY WASHINGTON' S " POSITIVE APPROACH" AS EXPRESSED BY DR KISSINGER. HE PLANS TO INVITE NAC' S ATTENTION TO ADDRESS AT EXPECTED MEETING ON APRIL 25 AND PROPOSE THAT PERMREPS PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION AFTER THEY HAVE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR AUTHORITIES. HE CONFIDENTIAL

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EXPECTS LIVELY BUT UNSTRUCTURED EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AT NEXT PERMREPS LUNCH (MAY 2).

4. LUNS CALLED ATTENTION TO PRESS TICKER REPORT THAT

DIRECTORS GENERAL OF EC NINE WILL TURN THEIR ATTENTION TO
DR KISSINGER' S ADDRESS AT THEIR MEETING ALREADY SCHEDULED
FOR APRIL 25, AND ADDED THAT NATO WOULD BE NO LESS ASSIDUOUS.

5. SYG, WHO WILL ADDRESS ST GEORGE' S DINNER IN LONDON APRIL 25,
SAID HE HAS INSTRUCTED HIS STAFF TO INCLUDE IN HIS TEXT
" POSITIVE COMMENT". HE VIEWS DR KISSINGER' S STATEMENT AS
WASHINGTON' S INVITATION TO EUROPEANS TO COMMENCE COMPREHENSIVE
TRANSATLANTIC DIALOGUE. MOREOVER, HE PLANS TO SAY AS
MUCH IF QUERIED BY BRITISH PRESS. LUNS IS ALSO CONSIDERING
ADVISABILITY OF ISSUING FORMAL PRESS STATEMENT AS SYG AFTER HE
HAS TAKEN SOUNDINGS IN KEY CAPITALS.
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